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- About 22 July 1953 it was being rumored in Pusan that plans were underway to organize a new political party to be called the Korean Democratic Association (KDA) (Minchu Hyop Hoe).<sup>1</sup> An announcement of the existence of the new party was to be made when one of its leaders, Speaker of the National Assembly SIN Ik-hui, returned from abroad. Other leading figures were to be: CHO Pong-am; CHANG Myon; and YUN Ch'i-yong,<sup>2</sup> Vice Speaker of the National Assembly.
- The recently resigned Democratic Nationalist Party (DNP) members were expected to join the new party.<sup>3</sup>

- Comment. According to  in mid-May 1953 an anti-YI Pom-sok political faction led by CHANG T'aek-sang and YI hwal had organized the Minju Hyophoe (Democratic Association) to overthrow YI Pom-sok's faction in the Outside Liberal Party. The Minju Hyophoe was ostensibly organized as part of the movement to unify Korea.
- Comment. See  concerning the relationship between YUN and CHIN Hon-sik, Home Minister.
- Comment. See  concerning the plans of the former DNP Assemblymen to form a new negotiating group. See also  concerning the defectors from the DNP.

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